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WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT, 1946.



To the Chairman & Members of the Whaley Bridge Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the district during the year ended 31st December, 1946.

Statistics & Social Conditions in the Area.

Total Area of Whaley Bridge Urban District (in acres)	-	3,487.
Estimated Population (mid 1946)	-	5,000.
Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1946	-	1,653.
Sum represented by a penny rate	-	£124.
Rateable Value	-	£32,463.

For your information, I herewith append details of the rainfall in your district for the year under review:-

Annual Rainfall in 1946	-	48.51 ins.
Wettest Day - 26th July.	-	1.89 ins.

Rain fell during some period of the day on 226 days in the year, thus only 139 dry days were recorded.

Extracts from Vital Statistics for 1946.

	M.	F.	Total.
Live Births Legitimate.	39.	35.	74.
Illegitimate.	3.	0.	3.
Still Births.	3.	1.	4.
Birth Rate per 1000 of estimated resident population			- 15.4
" " " " (In England & Wales)			- 19.1
Still Birth Rate per 1000 (total live & still) births			- 49.3
Death Rate per 1000 of estimated average population			- 15.6
" " " " (in England & Wales)			- 11.5
Deaths from Puerperal Causes.			- Nil.
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age.	M.	F.	
Legitimate.	1.	0.	
Illegitimate.	0.	0.	
Death Rate - All infants per 1000 live births			- 12.9
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births			- 13.5
Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births			- Nil.
	M.	F.	Total.
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	4.	7.	11.
" " Measles (all ages)	0.	0.	0.
" " Whooping Cough (all ages)	0.	0.	0.
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	0.	0.	0.

The general health of the district was good throughout the year with no marked epidemic or excessive mortality. Although the death rate is higher than usual, I should like to point out that 35 of the deaths occurred in persons of over 70 years of age.

Causes of death are classified as follows:-

	M.	F.	Total.
Tuberculosis.	1.	0.	1.
Influenza.	0.	0.	0.
Cancer.	4.	7.	11.
Intra-Cranial Vascular Lesions.	5.	5.	10.
Heart Disease.	12.	13.	25.
Other Dis. of Circ. System.	1.	1.	2.
Bronchitis.	2.	4.	6.
Pneumonia.	3.	2.	5.
Other Resp. Diseases.	1.	0.	1.
Diabetes.	0.	0.	0.
Ulcer of Stomach.	0.	1.	1.
Other Digestive Diseases.	0.	0.	0.
Nephritis.	2.	1.	3.
Conjen. Debility, Premature Birth, etc.	1.	1.	2.
Road Traffic Accidents.	1.	0.	1.
Other Violent Causes.	1.	4.	5.
All other causes.	3.	2.	5.
	<u>37.</u>	<u>41.</u>	<u>78.</u>

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Inspections under the various Acts appertaining to Public Health were systematically carried out and any appropriate action taken when necessary.

Water Supply:

The Water supply of the district is chiefly composed of upland waters collected and distributed from service reservoirs in different parts of the district, namely, Diglee, Foxhome, Stone Heads, Nook, Leahead and Taxal. All these service reservoirs were emptied and cleaned out during the year.

The number of premises supplied with Council's water was 1465 while 154 premises in the northern part of the district were supplied from the Stockport Corporation main which runs through the district. Thirty four houses only have a private water supply and this total is mainly composed of farms.

All houses using the Council's water have a piped supply laid on to the premises.

Chemical and Bacteriological Analyses were undertaken on all sources of supply but in three instances the bacteriological analyses proved the water to be below the required standard. Steps were immediately taken in an endeavour to prevent any further danger of a recurrence of contamination.

The quantity of water was sufficient to supply the needs of the district but this was undoubtedly due to the heavy rainfall during the summer months. I should here like to reiterate my remarks of previous reports that the augmentation of this district's water supplies is essential if building progress is to continue and as the Council is contemplating the erection of many more houses, I am convinced that the consideration of providing additional water supplies is a matter of extreme urgency.

Extension of the Council's water mains was carried out during the year to cater for development on the Jodrell Meadow Estate. This extension involved the laying of 108 yards of 3" C.I. Main.

Sewerage:

The sewage is conveyed through the Council's sewers to the sewage disposal works at Furness Vale, the treatment being carried out under the control of the Whaley Bridge & District Joint Sewerage Board.

No complaints have been received concerning the discharged effluent into the River Goyt. The sewers have been maintained in good condition, cleansing and rodding being carried out when necessary.

There were no extensions to main sewers during the year.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

This work was satisfactorily carried out by direct labour and a good average collection of salvage was again maintained.

Factories Act.

The general health of factory workers remains good and satisfactory conditions have been maintained at all factories in the district. Periodical inspections of premises coming within the jurisdiction of this Act have been made and ample provision of means of escape in case of fire is provided.

Infectious and other Diseases.

The district was very free from infectious diseases. No cases of malaria or dysentery were notified and your district was free from any influenza epidemic during the year. One case of diphtheria was notified, immunisation not having been carried out on the child affected.

At the year end, 864 children in the area had been immunised against diphtheria, representing 82.9% of the child population. Of the 864 children immunised, 302 were under 5 years of age, 333 between 5 and 10 years of age, and 229 between 10 and 15 years of age. Diphtheria anti-toxin is issued gratuitously. School intimations are regularly received.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)												
Notifiable Diseases	Total	0	1	3	5	10	15	20	35	45	60	Hosp. Deaths
	all ages.	1	3	5	10	15	20	35	45	60	Over.	
Smallpox.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.	5.	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	4
Diphtheria.	1.	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Enteric Fever (including paratyphoid).	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.	7.	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	2	-
Other dis. generally notifiable:-												
Erysipelas.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Opthalmia Neonatorum	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles.	7.	1	-	-	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.	2.	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Dis. notifiable locally.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	22.	2	1	-	5	5	4	1	1	1	2	5

Tuberculosis - New Cases & Mortality, 1945.

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths			
	Respiratory.		Non-Resp.		Respiratory.		Non-Resp.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35.	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45.	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
45 - 55.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & Over.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2	2	1	-	1	-	-	-

In conclusion, I would like to tender my thanks to the Officials of the Council for the assistance so ably and willingly rendered in connection with my Public Health duties throughout the year.

I have the honour to be,
Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

FRED GARNET ALLAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

2nd July, 1947.

WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT ON THE SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE
DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1946.

To the Chairman and Members of the Whaley Bridge
Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you my Annual Report on the Sanitary
Conditions and a brief summary of work done during the year ended
31st December, 1946.

Housing:

Number of houses in district 1945 -	1644.
New Houses erected in 1946 -	
By Private Enterprise	6.
By Local Authority	3.
Total Number of houses in district at 31st Dec, 1946.	<u>1653.</u>

Dairies, Cowsheds, etc.

Number of Cowkeepers on Register.	- 37.
Number of Cowkeepers holding Accredited Milk Licences	- 10.
Number of Cowkeepers holding Grade A.T.T. Licences	- 2.
Number of Inspections of Cowsheds & Dairies.	- 92.
Number of Informal Notices served	- 2.
Number of nuisances abated.	- 7.

Cowsheds throughout the year were generally maintained
in good condition and the quality of the milk maintained a fairly
high level.

Sanitary Inspections

Number of inspections made. - 819.

Defects or Nuisances:-


Number discovered.	- 356.
Number abated.	- 333.

Number of Notices served:-

Informal Notices.	- 189.
Statutory Notices.	- 3.
Legal Proceedings.	- Nil.

Details of inspections:-

	Inspections.	Nuisances abated.
Defective Closet Accommodation.	132	65
Defective Ashbins or Ashpits.	61	52
Drainage Defects.	117	79
Defective Roofs, Gutters, etc.	31	24
Defective Sinks.	16	7
Defective Windows.	14	2
Dampness in Dwellings.	38	28
Other Miscellaneous Housing Defects.	89	52
Offensive Accumulations.	13	4
Urinals.	37	7
Water in cellars.	12	5
Foul condition of Houses.	7	4
Water Supply.	34	14
Other Nuisances.	147	71



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Houses Disinfected.

After Diphtheria.	-	1.
After Scarlet Fever.	-	5.
After Other Diseases.	-	8.

Food Inspections.

During the year the following foodstuffs were condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

1 tin Apricots.	1 tin Plums.
14 tins Pilchards.	8 tins Salmon.
39 tins Evaporated Milk.	1 tin Sardines.
5 tins Peas.	1 tin Crawfish.
4 tins Soup.	4 tins Meat & Vegetables.
1 tin Baked Beans.	1 tin Potted Meat.
10lbs. Lamb's Livers.	25 lbs. 14 oz. Imported Beef.
49 tins Stewed Steak.	

Salvage.

The amounts of salvaged materials collected and sold during the year were as follows:-

	Tons.	Cwts.	lbs.	Value.		
				£.	s.	d.
Waste Paper.	28.	2.	28.	118.	5.	3.
Scrap Metal.	51.	15.	56.	83.	8.	0.
662 Bottles.		5.	102.	2.	15.	2.
Waste Rags.	1.	5.	66.	10.	6.	4.
	<u>81.</u>	<u>9.</u>	<u>28.</u>	<u>£214.</u>	<u>14.</u>	<u>9.</u>

I am,
Sir, Lady & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. McLANE,

Sanitary Inspector.

5th July, 1947.

